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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, to which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 19, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended in the following manner:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**